



KNIGHT SCROLL

Dr. John McGreevy listens to a student’s question in Mr. Jeff Gordon’s AP U.S. History class.

Alum returns to discuss impact of former teacher on career path

Shreya Chandran
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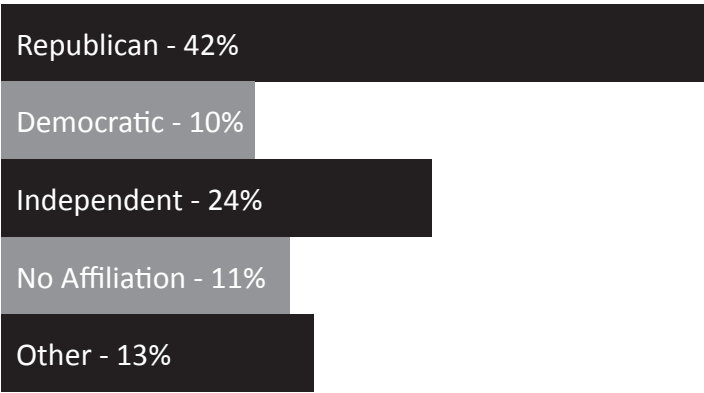
O’Gorman alumnus Dr. John McGreevy returned on March 9 to speak to students in AP U.S. History classes. After graduating in 1982, McGreevy continued his education at the University of Notre Dame and eventually earned his Ph.D. in American History at Stanford University. He later taught at Harvard University. He is the author of three books and now teaches at Notre Dame. Looking back on his extensive career, McGreevy says he owes much of his success to Mr. Jeff Gordon. “Mr. Gordon was a terrific influence because he was so passionate about his subject and was always eager to learn more,” said McGreevy. When AP U.S. History was first added to O’Gorman’s curric-

ulum, McGreevy was one of the first students to take the course. “It did not take long to realize that John was not only extremely intelligent but very interested in history and learning in general,” said Gordon. “John was fantastic to work with and I was pretty certain anything he did, he would do pretty well.” While McGreevy found his passion in history, he encourages students to find their own interests. “Any high school student thinking about teaching in college should simply pursue whatever subject they are most interested in - chemistry, economics, history etc. - at the college level,” said McGreevy. After 39 years of teaching, Gordon feels that he has learned from the students in the same way they have learned from him. “It’s important to give students credit for their abilities

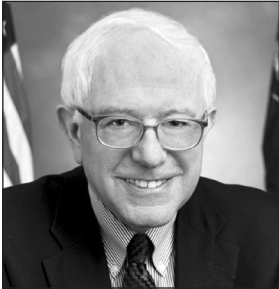
and understand that they know a great deal. Also, all students don’t learn in the same ways and all students are special in some unique way,” said Gordon. “My entire career has been spent at O’Gorman and I have a very long term appreciation for the O’Gorman community.” As his history classes continue to be filled up with students, Gordon remains humble. “I view teaching as a wonderful opportunity to impact students in very profound and important ways. It’s a very important responsibility that should not be taken for granted,” said Gordon. McGreevy remembers his high school years fondly. “I’m a proud O’Gorman alumnus and am grateful for the many excellent teachers at the school and the friends I made there,” said McGreevy. “I’m very proud to have been one of his many students.”

SCROLL POLL: 186 O’Gorman students in grades 9-12 were surveyed on their political affiliation and choice for president.

Student Political Affiliation



Democratic Voting Breakdown



Bernie Sanders: 79.7%



Hillary Clinton: 20.3%

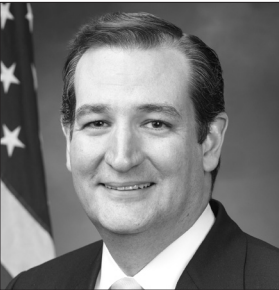
Republican Voting Breakdown



Donald Trump: 39.5%



Marco Rubio: 29.5%



Ted Cruz: 17.3%



John Kasich: 13.7%

Distracted driving PSA filmed at O’Gorman

Ben Longley
Assistant Editor

As more and more young people are driving more needs to be done to alert teenagers about the dangers of driving while distracted. The Office of Highway Safety is attempting to do this through a new public service announcement. The PSA has three parts, and O’Gorman High School was asked to help with the filming of one part. O’Gorman was fea-

tured in part one about distracted driving. “We know young drivers are injured or killed in distracted driving accidents every year,” said community relations and alumni director Carol Nesbitt. “So if we can be a part of a message about how dangerous it is, perhaps we can help prevent some of these in the future.” Senior Ben Lauer learned the hard way about the dangers of distracted driving. While driving home from school Lauer was us-

ing his phone to look up his favorite song. While he was distracted by his phone Lauer veered off the road into a stationary light pole. “I was lucky that no one got hurt, but it made me realize just how quickly accidents can happen if you’re not paying attention while you drive,” said Lauer. The ad featured three students who had to walk down O-wing just as class was getting out. These three students were all distracted while they walked

down the hall. One student was eating, another was texting, and the third student was putting on lipstick. These students were also covered in paint so that it would be visible how many people they had bumped into. “The three kids felt they could, but then had to try to text or eat or put on makeup while walking down a crowded hallway. What they realized was that they really couldn’t do both,” said Nesbitt. Whenever the students bumped into another the paint

that was passed on was a representation of the damage that could be done had they been driving a car and not just walking down a hallway. “Whenever I get in my car I make sure my phone is on silent and put away so that I’m not distracted while driving,” said senior Molly Doetzel. The ad will premiere in April, which is distracted driving awareness month.

Students find joy in Easter as individuals celebrate Christ conquering death

Melissa Sierra
Assistant Editor

Easter plays a central role in faith life at O’Gorman as students celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the basis of the Catholic faith, the liturgical season provides reason for religious celebration according to school chaplain Father Haggerty.

“Easter is the most important holiday of the year for Catholics,” said Haggerty. “We celebrate His resurrection because in Him we also rise.”

Junior Abi Bell believes Easter to have great importance in her own life and brings fruition to her Lenten journey.

“For me Easter is a time of great celebration,” said Bell. “Jesus has conquered death itself and hopefully I have conquered sin in my life throughout my 40 day journey.”

The Easter season is considered to be the most important liturgical time in the Catholic faith. Haggerty uses an interesting analogy to illustrate its importance.

“Think of it in terms of a rescue mission,” said Haggerty. “Easter is the celebration that the rescue has happened and we are in a new land and have a new life before us we have finally reached our destination. This is why it is the greatest feast of the year.”

Bell appreciates how O’Gorman’s religious curriculum play a role in her understanding of Easter.

“I’ve always enjoyed the way my

“Easter is the most important holiday of the year for Catholics. We celebrate His resurrection because in Him we also rise.”
-Fr. Haggerty

religion teachers have approached Easter,” said Bell. “They always remind the class of the importance of the season and help us focus our hearts towards Christ.”

Haggerty encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunities available uniquely at O’Gorman and their parishes to live out their faith.

“I challenge the students to make it to Mass every day during the octave of Easter from Easter Sunday until the next Sunday which is Divine Mercy Sunday,” said Haggerty. “We will have Mass in our chapel on Thursday and Friday during the Octave of Easter. I will also have candy in my office for anyone who passes through the theology going to help celebrate Easter after all the fasting is over.”

The 2016 Easter liturgical season continues for 50 days following Easter Sunday on March 27, and concludes with the solemnity of Pentecost.



PRESS PHOTO

Pope Francis waves to a crowd of followers. O’Gorman students look to Pope Francis as a role model in humility and kindness.

Students see Pope as humble leader

Joe Angerhofer
Assistant Editor

Pope Francis has won people over with his displays of humbleness that stole the hearts of people around the world.

“He always seems to have a smile on his face,” said senior Jamie Benedict. “In the age of technology he is showing a good example of how to remain modest. He pays for his own hotel rooms and doesn’t live lavishly even though it would be easy for him to do so.”

Pope Francis’s modesty

is what some see as his most defining quality.

Before Pope Francis became pope he wasn’t traveling in the limos and being chauffeured around, or living in multi-million dollar homes.

Instead, Francis took the public bus system to church every day.

Another big reason for his popularity stems from how hard he is trying to bring people back to the church.

“His focus on the mercy of God is one that our world is looking for. We are all sin-

ners. We all need mercy,” said campus minister Jonathan Konz.

Pope Francis has shown that he is intent on being a strong leader, and that the morals of the Church will stand, even when it is difficult.

“He is going to speak into areas of brokenness in our world,” said Konz.

He has taken an active role in the modern world, and is building the bridge that will help show people that the Church is not out of touch with the world.

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Senior earns top honors at several competitions with school show choir

Joe Angerhofer
Assistant Editor

In show choir a performer is awarded best male soloist which is considered the most prestigious award that an individual can acquire. In one competition an average number of about 25 to 30 show choirs attend.

Senior Chris Schall has won three best male soloist awards, one runner up (second place) and one most outstanding performer award out of six competitions.

"After all the years of putting so much work into what I love, it's good to finally be recognized," said Schall. "Music has been my life, whether that's in the form of piano keys or bagpipes, it's always been more of a lifestyle than a hobby."

He also plays the guitar, drums and harmonica. Schall has made an occupation out of his



Chris Schall

talents by playing live music at Irish pubs with his group, Dakota District Pipes and Drums.

"Most of my success is credited to the people who share the same love of music as I do, like my voice teachers, peers and directors," said Schall. "Music has been my life, and as I go to college, I hope to keep it that way."

Band headed to New York to soak in music culture

Shreya Chandran
Editor-in-Chief

The band will be traveling to New York City, N.Y. from May 23-29. This trip is only available every four years, so every band member will go on a trip once during their high school career.

"The band trip is a great community builder - 22 hours with someone on a bus means you get to know a lot about them," said band director Ben Koch.

In addition to a bonding experience, band members will be able to observe and perform music.

"We are traveling to a city steeped in music, both its past and its present, so it's a great chance for us to all share and enjoy something we love together. We'll be able to perform in Battery Park as well, so we're really excited to add our music to this great NYC musical scene," said

Koch.

While there is a variety of activities planned, many members are looking forward to seeing a Broadway show.

"I'm going to miss long bus rides and getting to know everyone as a team and as friends. Through band, I've learned how to become a more effective leader and musician."

-Margaret Dow

"Right now, I'm most excited to see a Broadway show, though I'm also very excited to explore the city in general," said senior Maggie Dow.

In addition to an unforget-

table memory, attending a Broadway show would serve as an educational moment as well.

"Not only is it wildly entertaining and artistically impressive, it's also a powerful cultural experience. Broadway is a great American treasure, and it's really special to have that shared experience with people from all over the world who come there," said Koch.

Since the trip takes place the day after graduation, it is especially significant for seniors.

"For seniors, it will definitely feel like a capstone event to their band 'career.' It will be fun for everyone, but seniors will especially enjoy the post-graduation stress relief," said Koch.

Even after they return from New York City, seniors feel that the time they have spent in band has been invaluable as they move on to college.

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Track and Field

O'Gorman's track team is hopeful for another successful season this year. Young members look to returning state placers and seniors for leadership. Several returning senior state placers include Luke Fritsch, Dodi Makwinja, Jack Peery, Tiegen Lindner and Alyssa Wielder.

"The emphasis this year is on finishing strong with a great senior class and keeping everyone healthy come May," said head track coach Doug Lindner. "We are expecting great things from our senior class and that great things can come from the underclassman as well."

The freshmen from last year stepped up in a big way contributing to the team's wins. The coaching staff is hopeful that the new freshman class will have a similar impact on the team. The current sophomores continue to flourish.

"The underclassmen helped fill spots in relay teams and in individual races as well," said junior Andrew Reuter.

While O'Gorman has a smaller track team there appears to be no shortage of talent. Several underclassmen and seniors alike are competitive in their respective events.

"The expectations for everyone - state placers and freshmen

alike - is to get better," said Lindner. "We just want to keep everyone healthy so they are ready to compete come May. We have the ability and the talent to be one of the top five teams in the state."

The first track meet was March 28 at SDSU.

Boys Tennis

Coach Don Barnes has high hopes for the tennis team this year, with many of the previous year's players returning.

"Every year our team goal is to continue to be in the top five. As most years we feel we'll be in contention for a state title, this year is no different," said Barnes. "Our entire varsity team returns from last year's third place finish so we hope to have similar results."

Even with a strong returning team, Barnes still recognizes the challenges the team will face throughout the season.

"Lincoln and the Dobbs brothers are our main obstacle as they are a pretty strong doubles team," said Barnes. "For us it's getting our players in the right line-up positions on the team where they can succeed."

Senior player Austin Bauer recognizes his own downfalls during match play.

"I think the thing that I need to work on the most is being patient," said Bauer. "The bad part about tennis is that matches can

go on for hours, but it is necessary to be patient and grind out each point or else success won't be an option."

For seniors, this season will be especially significant.

"It seems unreal that it is my last season," said Bauer. "I'm extremely happy that I picked up a tennis racquet in eighth grade because I wouldn't have wanted to spend my high school years playing any other sport and making any other memories."

The state tournament will be May 19-21 in Rapid City.

Girls Golf

As the cold months of winter come to an end the O'Gorman girls golf team looks forward to the beginning of their season.

"It's hard having the season in the spring because it means that I have to jump into the season after spending six months off during the winter," said senior Jamie Benedict.

Following the 2015-2016 season, long time coach Rodney Garrison retired and Tom Jansa took over as head coach of both boys and girls golf. Mr. Jeff Gordon will continue to be the assistant coach for the girls.

The girls golf team has won 14 state championships since 1973 and is hoping to add to that this year.

"It would be really nice to end my high school golf career with a



KNIGHT LEGEND

Senior Jamie Benedict golfs during the 2015 season. The Lady Knights are aiming for a state championship in 2016.

state championship," said Benedict, who already has an impressive two state championships.

The Lady Knights kicked off their season on April 4 with a match against West Central at Elmwood Golf Course.

Baseball

The baseball team is loaded with seniors. The team has a total of 10, eight of which have previous varsity experience.

"If we go far this season, it'll be because those seniors decided

to step up and compete at a high level," said coach Jack Van Leur.

Senior Charley Illg hopes to recover from a torn ACL and be back late this season.

"I expect our team to be disciplined and not make many mistakes," said Van Leur.

The first games of the season were in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"The nice thing about having as many seniors with playing experience is that they should not be surprised by any situation out there," said Van Leur.

Lincoln upends Knights

Knights claim consolation championship after first round defeat in state tournament

Joe Angerhofer
Assistant Editor

Seventh-seeded Lincoln provided a tournament shocker as they took down O'Gorman in the first round of the state tournament.

"Looking back, I think we had a great year," said head coach Derek Robey. "Again, we only lost six games all year. One of those losses came at the hands of national powerhouse Findlay Prep."

The boys lost their initial game against Lincoln in the state tournament 52-45, but won their next game against Aberdeen beating them 63-55. The Knights then went on to finish the tournament by beating out Roosevelt 52-46, securing their place as victor of the Consolation Championship.

"In the last eight trips to the AA Tournament, O'Gorman has

a record of 20-4. That is pretty cool to be part of that tradition and to be able compete every year at a high level. I'm proud of these guys," said Robey.

Senior Ben Lauer had higher hopes for the tournament.

"Overall the tournament was a little disappointing," said Lauer. "It was anybody's tournament and to drop a game in the first round is difficult. We handled it well, all things considered, and were tough enough to win our last two games."

Even though the season is over the team made it clear that they had no regrets.

"It was fun we made a lot of good relationships, but all good things must come to an end," said senior Antonio Casiello. "It was the most fun in a season that I have ever had."

"We had a good season and I wouldn't have wanted to have played with any other group," said Lauer.

Strong year ends with third place at state tourney

Lady Knights fall in semifinals to eventual champion Aberdeen

Joe Angerhofer
Assistant Editor

The Lady Knights finished the season 21-4. In the first round of the state tournament, the Lady Knights blew past Rapid City Stevens 58-36. This big win gave optimism to the team as they embarked into the thick of the state tournament.

"People really didn't expect much from us, so coming out the way we did impressed us, the coaching staff, and I'm sure the fans," said senior

Molly Doetzel.

Aberdeen, however seemed a little bit too much for the team as the Lady Knights fell to the Eagles 63-53.

"Losing that second game was rough. We had lots of momentum after our big win against Stevens," said Doetzel.

The Lady Knights came back to win the third place game against Harrisburg 51-39.

The third-seeded Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles defeated Washington 75-64 for the state title.

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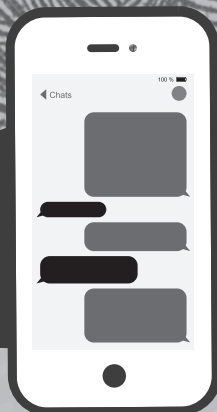
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Up With People visits O’Gorman during world tour

Grace Wallin
Staff Writer

Last month the organization Up With People spent a week in Sioux Falls as a part of their 2015-2016 world tour. From March 7 through the 14 the cast immersed themselves in the community and gave a performance whose proceeds benefitted a local charity.

Up With People was founded in 1965 and since then has brought together more than 22,000 leaders from 131 different countries to achieve their mission of inspiring young people to make a difference in the world.

The nonprofit organization offers young people a unique opportunity to travel the world while giving back to the communities that host them.

While traveling Up With People members experience the communities they visit through

their host families. The goal is to give members a real look into the life of the people in the community as well as form lasting friendships with the families they stay with.

“The best part about hosting Up With People was the memories made and the friendships formed,” said Senior Abbie Pierce. “I got to experience new cultures and they had so much new insight to offer. It was truly a blessing to have them in my home.”

On March 13 the Up With People cast gave their 16th annual Gift of Hope concert at the O’Gorman Performing Arts Center.

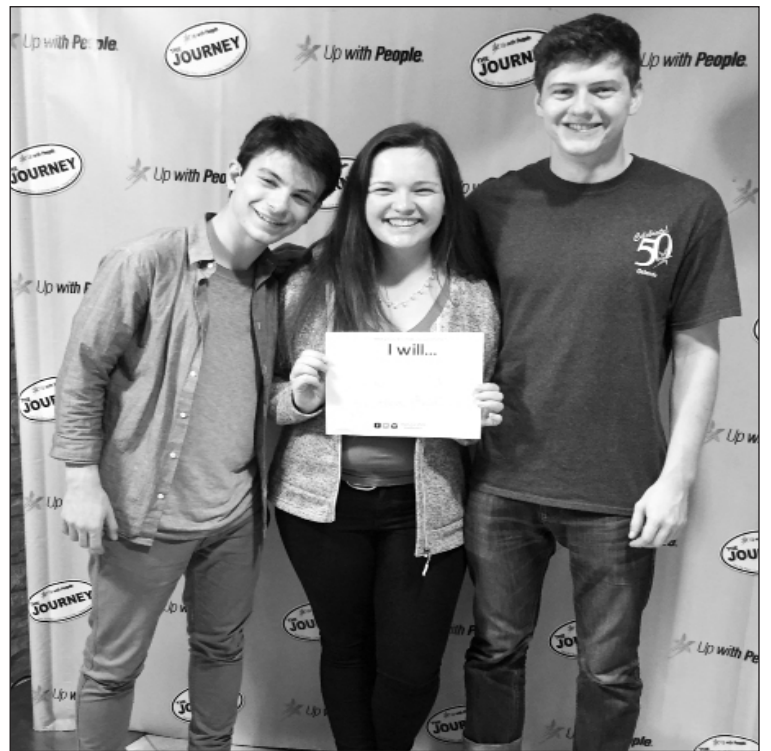
The concert supports the Catholic Family Services Gift of Hope Fund which provides support for people of all ages and faiths who have experienced

grief, despair, abuse, loss or pain of separation.

“We try to meet the needs of every community we go to,” said cast member Paulina Ramos. “It’s all about giving back to the community.”

Also while at O’Gorman several Up With People members spent some time with students in their foreign language classes. Students were asked to take a stand by walking to a side of the room that represented an opinion of theirs. The game is meant to encourage students to be confident in what they believe is right, even if they are standing alone.

In addition to this cast members asked students throughout the week to pledge “I will” to stop bullying, be themselves, and take a stand. The cast members hoped to leave a lasting impact on the students and school community.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Up With People cast members pose with their host Abbie Pierce after a show at the O’Gorman Performing Arts Center.

Drama department goes under the sea with adaptation of *The Little Mermaid*

Shreya Chandran
Editor-in-Chief

This year’s musical, *The Little Mermaid*, is a sharp departure from the dramatic performance of *West Side Story* of last year. This change was an intentional choice by musical director Ms. Teresa Fester.

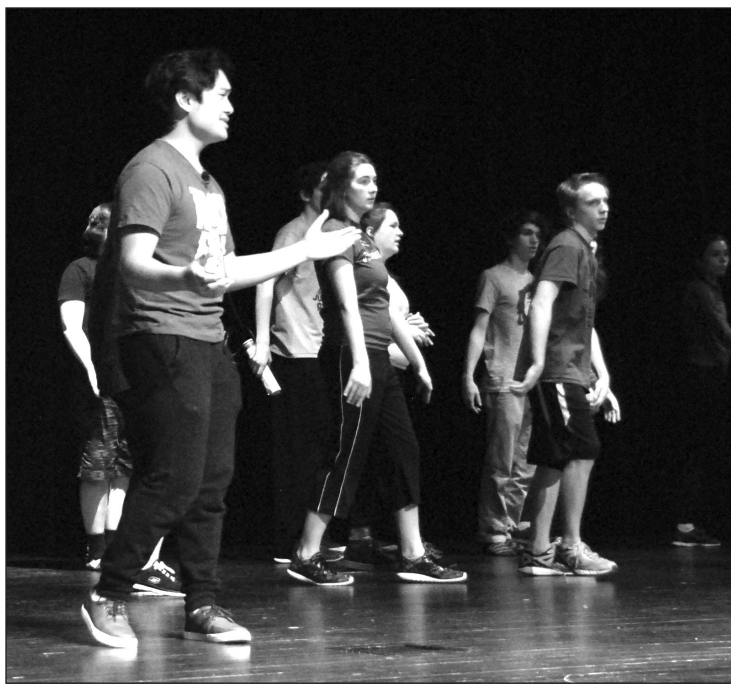
“We never want to do the same style or genre of musical back to back so we wanted to do a light-hearted show this year. We always keep tabs on what shows are now available and the full version of *The Little Mermaid* was finally released,” said Fester. “Everything just fell into place.”

Since this Disney tale is well known, the cast and crew must work hard to meet the standards of their audience.

“The cast has already proven that the audience will feel like each character looks and sounds just like what we remember in the Disney movie. Our pit band is already rehearsing and the tech crew is ahead of schedule with the set. The designs that Kendra Dexter has developed are exactly what you would want to see when coming to see this show,” said Fester.

The cast is dedicated to bringing the show to life, and they are willing to use unusual methods to do so.

“So far we have utilized our time with having dance practice in one place, soloists practicing in another room, and blocking scenes on stage. On top of



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Students rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of *The Little Mermaid*. The show opens April 19.

this, we have kids practicing on heelies and we are implementing some hover boards for Flotsam and Jetsam. So, our eels are going to be floating around on stage,” said Fester.

For many students, the experience is well worth the hours of practice.

“All the time given pays off in the end due to hard work and dedication. My favorite part about musical is being able to bond with such a big and fun cast! We all share a positive energy and happiness in doing something we love together,” said junior Cassie Schoenhard.

As the end of the school year

approaches, seniors find musical to be a great way to finish their high school careers.

“I hope to go out knowing we told a beautiful story and gave people an amazing show they loved. I want to make this show our best one yet! And since it’s my last year, I’m so happy I get to spend it with Pie,” said senior Emmy Bear.

As they prepare for their debut, the cast and crew have in mind a goal that goes beyond all the costumes, sets, and songs.

“We just want to bring so much joy to the audience,” said Fester.

Gamers weigh in on best consoles of past decades

Ben Longley
Assistant Editor

As more and more students get into video gaming, *The Scroll* staff decided to take a closer look at O’Gorman’s favorite consoles.

“Video games are fun and a good way to take my mind off stressful things,” said Tiffany Lavender.

Both home gaming consoles and handheld devices have been popular for years.

Of the recently released gaming consoles the Sony Playstation 4 and the Microsoft Xbox One are the most popular. “The Sony PS4 is a great system because it allows me to play online with my friends,” said senior Ben Lauer.

Another popular home gaming console is the Wii’s successor, the Wii U. The Wii U has a gamepad that allows the user to play remotely without using the television.

“Growing up I loved playing my Super Nintendo,” said Mr. Jason Van Engen. “I have always been a big fan of Nintendo - from the original NES to the Wii U. Mario has been a stronghold for gaming.”

The gamepad is groundbreaking because it offers nearly all features of the home console in a semi-portable package.

Here are our expert picks for best gaming consoles:

Ben Longley

1. Xbox 360
2. Playstation 4
3. Wii
4. Playstation 2
5. Gameboy Advanced

Tiffany Lavender

1. PC
2. Wii
3. Nintendo 2DS
4. Gamecube
5. Xbox (original)

Mr. Van Engen

1. Super NES
2. NES
3. Original Gameboy
4. Wii U
5. Xbox 360

Aaron Steele

1. PS3
2. PS2
3. Nintendo 64
4. Playstation 1
5. NES

Miles Cowan

1. Nintendo 64
2. Playstation 2
3. PC
4. Playstation 4
5. Gamecube

Which teacher would you want as president and why?



“Mr. Lorang because he has the most experience.”
-George Schwebach



“Mr. Lindemann because he is very logical and would consistently make good decisions.”
- Mr. Gordon



“Mrs. Brose because there would be plenty of coffee.”
-Izzy Mattechuck



“Mrs. Brose because she could hear a terrorist planning an attack from thousands of miles away.”
- Will Brunner



“Mrs. Mahoney because she would rule with an iron fist while never breaking a nail.”
- Ms. Shields



“Señor Lebrun because he wouldn’t build a wall.”
-Maren Curley

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Resist urge to become cynical about school

Melissa Sierra
Assistant Editor

It’s easy to become cynical about high school. Especially as a second semester senior. I have muttered multiple times under my breath (and I’m sure teachers can attest to this) “I am dying.” Of course I am not dying and I always seem to miraculously make it to the end of the school day. But it sure seems like I’m dying and there are reasons why. Yes, high school is not a good time. It’s not meant to be the highlight of your life reel. If it is, I feel kind of sorry for you. But, that doesn’t mean it is a worthless experience. High school is one of the most important parts of your formation as an adolescent. Here you learn more about

your interests, discover what makes up your values, learn how to be sneaky with your cell-phone in class, and cram for a test two periods before you have to take it. It is a valuable experience, but only if you make it one. The first people students tend to target for their high school cynicism are their teachers. I’ve done it too many times to count. Although unfair, it’s reasonable to some extent. Teachers are the physical manifestation of what is most frustrating about the high school experience. Without them, in theory, we wouldn’t have to do those ‘worthless’ assignments in which we gain ‘absolutely nothing.’ Of course this isn’t realistic. Teachers are obviously a crucial part of our education. And we as students tend to take them for granted.



Teachers (good teachers at least) put so much time and effort into their classes, and it shows. Good teachers joke with their students and actually crack a smile once in a while. But most importantly, good teachers take pride in their jobs and find fulfillment in the success of their students. I myself don’t understand the appeal of hanging around disrespectful, angst-ridden teens

all day. But to each their own. Mr. Gordon and former student Dr. John McGreevy serve as good examples of the impact teachers can have on a student. Dr. McGreevy found his initial passion for history in Mr. Gordon’s AP U.S. History class. From here, he went on to become an accomplished professor in history, teaching at both Harvard and Notre Dame. It’s amazing to think that the catalyst to such impressive success was as simple as paying attention in class. The work teachers do does make an impact on students, whether it be good or bad. For myself personally, I have had teachers that turn me off to an entire subject just through their own attitude towards their students. On the other hand, I have had really amazing teachers that have helped me realize interests I never thought I had. However, each teacher has played a significant role in molding my academic interests, and that responsibility should not be taken lightly. As a plea to students, show your teachers a little respect. We owe it to them to put forth our best effort and at least acknowledge that what they are doing is important and in our best interests. If you’re a senior, disregard the “best effort” and hard work part since it doesn’t really matter at this point and I know you’ve given up, as have I. Bottomline, cut your teachers some slack. They care about you and your well-being (I hope) and deserve at least the minimum effort. It is their job to teach and to push us to be better than we may think we are, and for that we should be thankful.

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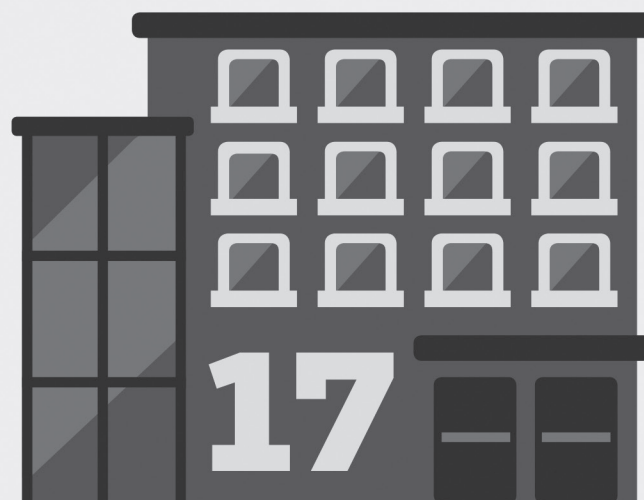
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